

4 NEEDLE AND SYRINGE PROGRAMS (NSPs)

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what do NSPs do?

NSPs provide:

- Access to new needles and syringes for injecting drug users to reduce transmission of HIV, Hepatitis C and other blood borne viruses.
- Information on safer injecting, safer using and safer sex.
- Condoms and water-based lubricant.
- Personal sharps containers and facilities for the safe disposal of used needles and syringes.
- A comfortable, respectful and non-judgmental service environment.
- Referral to other health and welfare services.
- Education to the community and other service providers about injecting drug use/user (IDU) issues.
- Service that responds to the needs of the service user in the most appropriate, friendly and effective way.

IT IS NOT ILLEGAL TO CARRY NEW OR USED SYRINGES.

NSPs also provide an initial point of contact for information on drug treatment and other health care services, medical care, counselling and referral, legal assistance, housing and treatment options.

where are NSPs located?

There are over 200 Needle & Syringe Programs (NSPs) located throughout Victoria. Apart from primary NSPs (dedicated services), many programs (secondary NSPs) are located in places like community health services, hospitals and welfare agencies. All NSPs are free and most provide some level of confidentiality.

For information regarding the location of NSPs in your area, contact either:

- **DirectLine** — ph: 1800 888 236 (24 hours, 7 days per week);
- **Anex** (Association for Prevention and Harm Reduction Programs Australia) — ph: 9486 6399 or email: info@anex.org.au;
- your local community health centre or service (see listing in Chapter 15, *Quick Guide*); or
- any of the primary NSPs listed below.

Needles and syringes are also available for sale at many pharmacies throughout Victoria.

***ACCESS TO NEEDLES AND SYRINGES AFTER 11 PM IS
EXTREMELY LIMITED, SO MAKE SURE YOU STOCK UP
DURING THE DAY.***

For syringe disposal, call the Syringe Disposal Hotline at your nearest NSP, or the statewide disposal number at Turning Point: 1800 552 355.

primary NSPs

Note that operating hours were correct at time of updating (January 2007) but may vary slightly from those listed below. Check with the Primary Health Service (PHS) or NSP for current hours.

BENDIGO

Bendigo Community Health Service

171 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo 3550 (NSP) Ph: 5448 1660; and

13–25 Helm Street, Kangaroo Flat 3555 (NSP and outreach) Ph: 5430 0500

Onsite NSP: Mon–Fri 8.30am–5.45pm

NSP outreach: Tues–Sat 7.30pm–11pm Ph: 1800 636 514

BOX HILL

Community Health Outreach Program Eastern Region (CHOPER)

43 Carrington Rd, Box Hill 3128

Onsite NSP: Mon–Fri 8.30am–5pm Ph: 9890 2220

NSP outreach: 7 nights 7.30pm–11.30pm 0414 266 203

Mobile Drug Safety Worker: Mon–Fri 8.30am–5pm Ph: 0414 507 075

Syringe disposal hotline: 7 days 24 hours Ph: 0414 507 075

COLLINGWOOD

Next Door PHS & Melbourne Inner City AIDS Prevention Centre (MINE) NSP

348 Smith Street, Collingwood 3066

PHS: Mon–Wed + Fri 10.30am–6pm and Thurs 12 noon–6pm

Ph: 9417 1299

Onsite NSP: Mon–Fri 10.30am–6.30pm Ph: 9417 1466

NSP outreach: 7.30pm–11.15pm Ph: 0418 179 814

Syringe Disposal Hotline: 24hrs 7days Ph: 9417 5125

DANDENONG

Foster Street Clinic PHS & South Eastern Alcohol and Drug Service (SEADS) Outreach & Prevention Program NSP

86 Foster Street, Dandenong 3175

PHS: Mon–Fri 9am–5pm Ph: 9794 0790

Onsite NSP: Mon–Fri 9.30am–7pm; Sat 10–2pm Ph: 9794 0790

NSP outreach: Thurs–Sun 6.30pm–10.30pm Ph: 1800 642 287

Mobile Drug Safety Worker: Mon–Fri 9am–5pm Ph: 9540 3144

Mobile Overdose Response Service: Mon–Thurs 9–5pm

Ph: 9540 3144

FLEMINGTON/KENSINGTON

Youth Projects Inner West Outreach

Mobile NSP outreach: Mon–Fri 10am–5pm Ph: 1800 170 556

FOOTSCRAY

Health Works PHS & NSP

4–12 Buckley Street, Footscray 3011

PHS: Mon–Fri 10am–6pm Ph: 9362 8100

Onsite NSP: Mon–Fri 10am–6pm; Sat 10am–2pm Ph: 9362 8100

NSP outreach: Tues and Thurs 2pm–5pm Ph: 9362 8100

Mobile Drug Safety Worker: Mon–Fri 10am–6pm Ph: 9362 8100

Syringe Disposal Hotline: 7 days 24 hrs Ph: 9688 0500

GEELONG

Barwon Drug, Health and Education Program

40 Little Malop Street, Geelong 3220

NSP outreach: 7 nights 7pm–11pm Ph: 1800 196 850

Mobile Drug Safety Worker: Mon–Thurs 9am–5pm Ph: 5273 4000

Syringe Disposal Hotline Ph: 5229 4734

GLENROY

Youth Projects North West Outreach

Mobile NSP outreach: 7 nights 7.30pm–11.15pm Ph: 0418 170 556

FRANKSTON

Southern Hepatitis/HIV/AIDS Resource & Prevention Service (SHARPS)

35–39 Rossmith Avenue, Frankston 3199

Onsite NSP: Mon–Fri 9.30am–5pm Ph: 9781 1622

NSP outreach: 7 days 6.30pm–9.45pm Ph: 1800 642 287

Syringe Disposal Hotline Ph: 0417 345 750

MELBOURNE

Living Room PHS & Youth Projects – AIDS Prevention & Health Awareness Program Foot Patrol NSP

7–9 Hosier Lane, Melbourne 3000

PHS: Mon–Fri 1pm–5pm Ph: 9662 4488

NSP Foot Patrol outreach: Mon–Fri 11.45am–11.15pm; Sat–Sun 12 noon–4pm and 7.30pm–11.15pm Ph: 1800 700 102 or 0412 155 491

Syringe Disposal Hotline: Mon–Fri 9am–5pm Ph: 9650 2198

RESERVOIR

North East Drug Harm Prevention (NEAP)

Cnr Blake and Crevelli Streets, Reservoir 3073

Onsite NSP: Mon–Fri 9am–5pm Ph: 8470 1111

NSP outreach: 7 days 7.30pm–11.15pm Ph: 0418 545 789

SPRINGVALE

See Dandenong.

ST KILDA

Inner South Community Health Service

10 Inkerman Street, St Kilda 3182 Ph: 9534 8166

Onsite NSP: Mon–Fri 1pm–5pm

and

18 Mitford Street, St Kilda 3182 Ph: 9534 0981

240 Malvern Rd, Prahran 3181 Ph: 9525 1300

341 Coventry Street, South Melbourne 3205 Ph: 9690 9144

Onsite NSP: Mon–Fri 9am–5pm

Inner south-eastern NSP outreach: 7 nights 7.30pm–11.15pm Ph: 0419 204 811